

VETOES

Article – State Finance and Procurement

14-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Certification” means the determination that a legal entity is a minority business enterprise for the purposes of this subtitle [through a procedure that:

- (1) the Department of Transportation uses; or
- (2) the State Minority Business Certification Council recommends].

(c) “CERTIFICATION AGENCY” MEANS THE AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER § 14-303(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO CERTIFY AND DECERTIFY ~~MINORITY~~ MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

(D) “Certified minority business enterprise” means a minority business enterprise that holds a certification.

[(d)] (E) “Designated unit” means:

- (1) the Department of General Services;
- (2) the Department of Transportation;
- (3) the Interagency Committee on School Construction;
- (4) the Maryland Food Center Authority;
- (5) the Maryland Stadium Authority;
- (6) the University of Maryland System; and

(7) for a procurement under Title 3, Subtitle 4 of this article, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

[(e)] (F) (1) “Minority business enterprise” means any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is:

- (i) organized to engage in commercial transactions; and
- (ii) at least 51% owned and controlled by 1 or more individuals who are members of a group that is disadvantaged socially or economically, including:
 1. [Alaskan natives;
 2. 1 American Indians;
 3. ~~3.~~ [3.] 2. Asians;
 - [4.] ~~2.~~ 3. Blacks;
 - [5.] ~~3.~~ 4. Hispanics;